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After M-Day, mutantkind neared extinction. Once hailed as humanity's replacement, it appeared mutants, now reduced to a few hundred, would fade into oblivion. But a new mutant baby has arrived, the first since M-Day, and with it, hope for mutantkind.

Previously in MESSIAH COMPLEX...

On the day of its birth, the new mutant baby was kidnapped by rogue X-Man Cable. In response, Cyclops dispatched X-Force, his covert squad of mutant trackers to reclaim the baby at all costs. But Cable survived his battle with X-Force and eventually reached the lab of the mutant inventor Forge. There he planned to borrow a time machine component and with it escape into the timestream. But the X-Man Bishop had other plans.

Thinking the baby a harbinger of an apocalyptic future, Bishop shot Cable in the back. He was about to kill the child when the Marauders appeared, led by the former X-Man Gambit. Henchmen of the evil geneticist Mr. Sinister, the Marauders escaped with the baby to their base on Muir Island. Unbeknownst to the other Marauders though, Gambit double-crossed Sinister with the aid of Mystique, a shape-shifter who killed Sinister and assumed his identity. Meanwhile, the students of the Xavier Institute, alone and taking shelter in the ruined mansion, have stumbled upon Predator X, a genetically modified beast that eats mutants.

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MUIR ISLAND.
THREE HOURS AGO.

THIS
ISLAND...IT HAS
BROUGHT ME
NOTHING BUT
PAIN.

SO MUCH
OF MY LIFE
HAS CHANGED
HERE.



I
KILLED MOIRA
MAGTAGGERT
ON THIS ISLAND...
I LOST DESTINY
HERE... AND
NOW--

AND NOW
I MAY LOSE MY
DAUGHTER HERE,
TOO...



YOU'VE COME
TO TELL ME THAT
THERE'S NO HOPE
FOR HER. THAT
SHE'S GOING
TO DIE.

ISN'T
THAT RIGHT,
SINISTER?



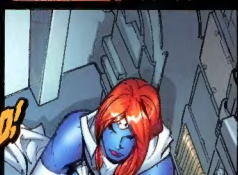
YES, ROGUE WILL
DIE, AND SOON.
HAD I MORE TIME,
PERHAPS...BUT
I HAVE NO CURE
FOR YOU.

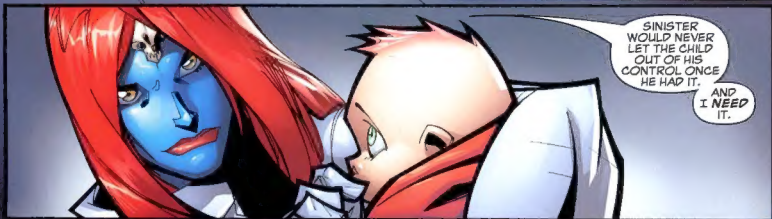
TAKE A
FEW MINUTES
TO GRIEVE, BUT
THEN I WILL NEED
YOU. LEBEAU IS
RETURNING WITH
THE CHILD.



I
KNOW.











WARPATH!
WOLFSBANE! IF
YOU HOLD BACK,
YOU'RE GOING
TO DIE HERE!
DO YOU HEAR
ME?!



I HEAR YOU,
WOLVERINE.



BLAM



CHUN!

TAK!

AAARGHH!

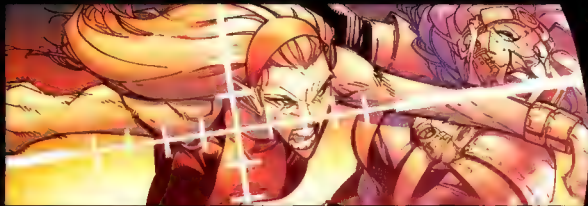


EVERYONE
KEEP MOVING!
WE HAVE TO FIND
THE CHILD!

Utt...
Tt...



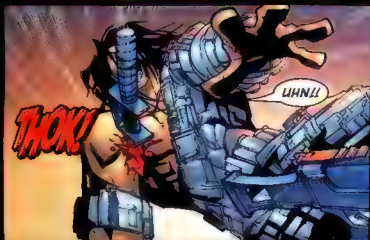




SAY
GOOD-
NIGHT,
KITTY
CA--



OH,
SH--



UHN!!



ARRROH!

SCALP-
HUNTER!!



UT!

SINISTER
NEEDS MORE TIME
WITH THE BABY. YOU
NEED TO HOLD THE
X-MEN OFF. DO
WHATEVER IT
TAKES.



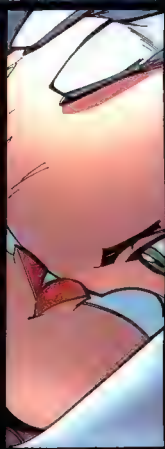
JUST
MAKE
SURE--

DAMMIT.



TAKE
THEM DOWN,
X-MEN! ALL
OF THEM!
AND
BRING ME
BISHOP!





THE XAVIER INSTITUTE.

CESS
SOORAYA...

MOVE!!!

RRRRROOARRR!

CRAKKKKK

SANTOLL

OUCH.

ALLAH,
NO...IT WAS
EATING THE
CORPSES...

WHAT IS THIS
MONSTROSITY?

OH, GOD...IT'S ONE
OF THE PREDATORS
FROM THE FACILITY
THAT MADE X-23. IT'S
CHANGED...IT'S SO
MUCH BIGGER...

BUT I CAN
FEEL IT. IT'S
WEARING MY
SKIN...

HEY! GET
BACK HERE AND--
WHAT IS IT DOING,
SNIFFING US?

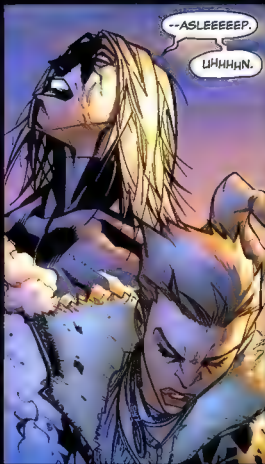






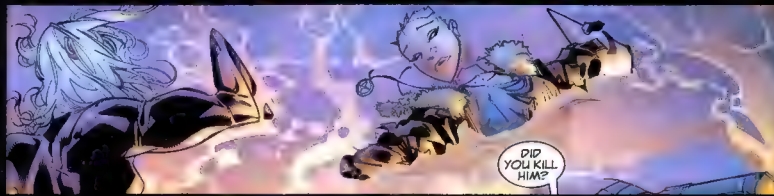
COLOSSUS
BROKE MY
NECK ONCE.

I
REMEMBER.
IT HURT. BE
THANKFUL YOU'RE--



--ASLEEEEEP.

UHHNN.



DID
YOU KILL
HIM?

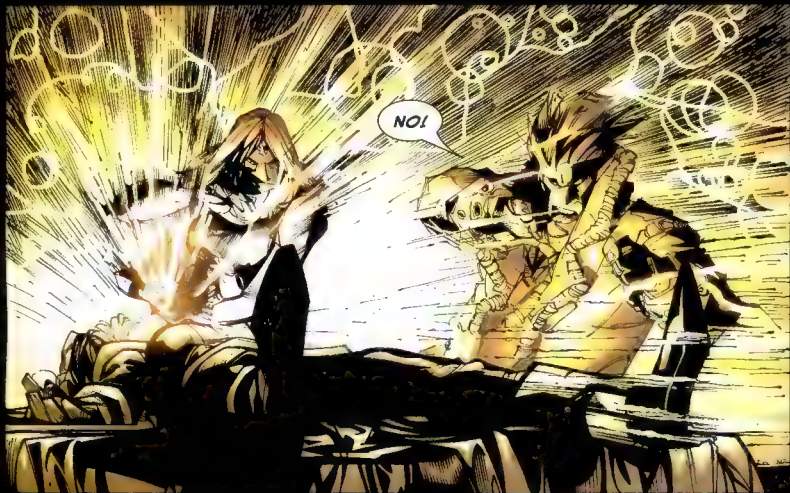


OF
COURSE
NOT.

YOU MAY
WANT TO
RETHINK
THAT.

RAHNE WILL
RECOVER, HER
WOUNDS ARE
SUPERFICIAL. I
RECOMMEND
WE--

--SPLIT UP.
YEAH, THIS IS
GOING TO GET
MESSY.





GOO?



MON DIEU.

HOW...THE STRAIN...IT KILLED SINISTER, BUT THE CHILD...

IT'S DESTINY, LEBEAU. IT'S A...

ROGUE?



ROGUE... WAKE UP.

WAKE UP!

No
nono
nono
no...



I DON'T UNDERSTAND, DESTINY'S DIARIES FORETOLD EVERYTHING...WHY ISN'T SHE WAKING UP?

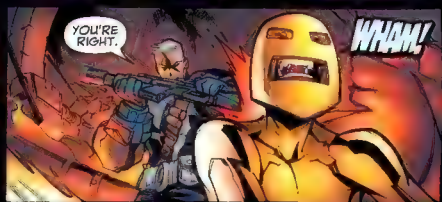
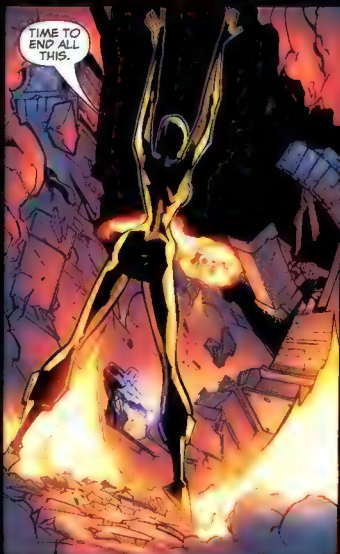
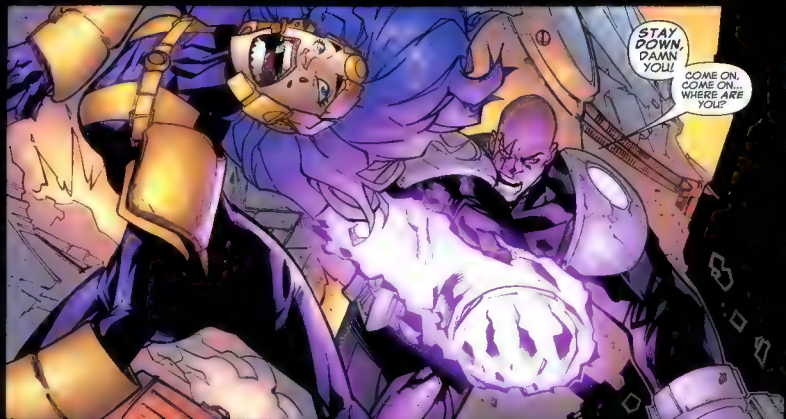
SHE'S SUPPOSED TO WAKE UP NOW. I SAVED HER, DESTINY TOLD ME I SAVED HER, AND IF I SAVED HER, MAYBE SHE WOULD LOVE ME AGAIN.

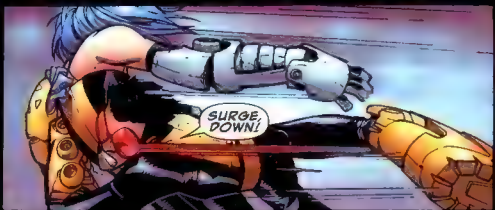
SHE WOULDN'T, RAVEN. ROGUE'D RATHER DIE THAN HARM A CHILD. SHE'D DIE TO STOP YOU.

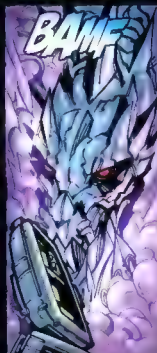
AND SO WOULD I.

I'M SO VERY PLEASED TO HEAR YOU SAY THAT.











THANK...
YOU...
MEGAN...

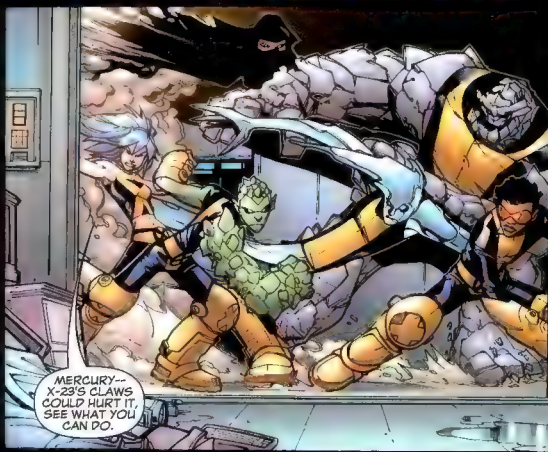
WE NEED
SOME HELP
HERE!



MEGAN,
STAY
BACK...

OKAY!

I CAN'T...
TELEPORT...
EVERYONE.
WE NEED--



MERCURY--
X-23'S CLAWS
COULD HURT IT,
SEE WHAT YOU
CAN DO.

HEY, DID
YOU GUYS SEE
A BIG--
NEVER MIND.

ANOLE,
ROCKSLIDE, DUST--
TRY TO SURROUND IT,
KEEP IT AWAY FROM
JULIAN AND JOSH.



X-23... SHE
KILLED ONE OF
THESE THINGS,
SANTO TOLD
US.

I CAN
TAKE IT TO
HER!

SIHAL
NOVARUM
CHINOTH!

PIXIE, WAIT,
WHAT ARE
YOU--

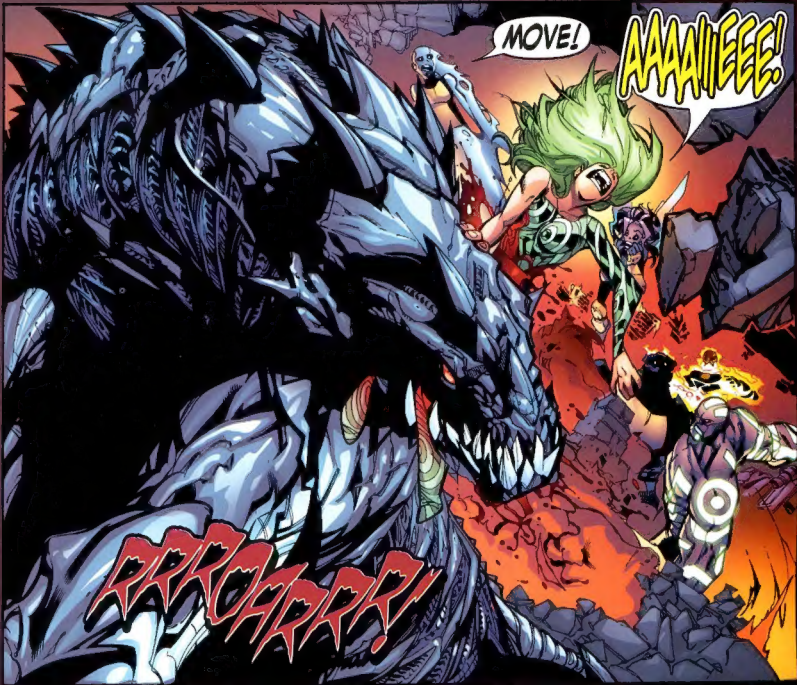


THIS IS
GETTING US
NOWHERE!

BREAK OFF
FROM THE GROUP,
LOGAN. KILL ANYONE
IN YOUR WAY. JUST
FIND THE BABY.

SUMMERS...





MOVE!

AAAAAIEEEEE!

RRROARRR!

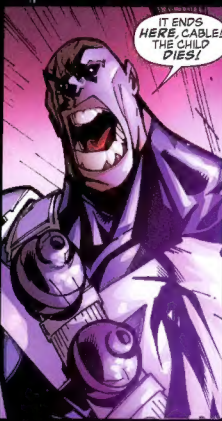


OKAY...
SOMEONE
WANT TO TELL
ME WHAT THE
#%&# THAT
THING IS?



HURK...

SNRFF



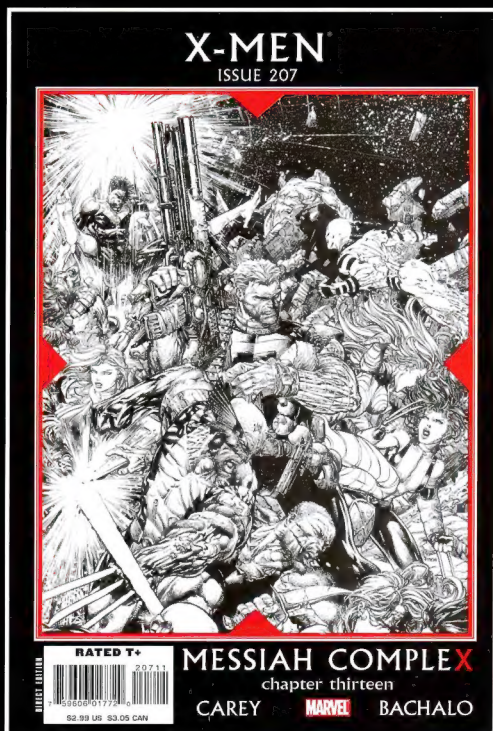
--SAFETY.

RRRRROOOOHHHRRRR!!!

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X-MEN: MESSIAH COMPLEX

CHAPTER 13



NEXT WEEK
THE BABY'S FATE DECIDED.
CABLE VS. BISHOP VS. PREDATOR X.
THE END OF THE X-MEN.



VARIANT COVER